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1. (LOU) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE BRIEFED TO
 JOURNALISTS EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED. (NOTE TO
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2. SUMMARY:

A. (CLOU) TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: AFTER A RELATIVE LULL IN ACTIVITY IN KABUL CITY, RESIDENTS FACED A WEEK OF BOMBINGS WHICH INCLUDED A CAR BOMB IN A PRIMARY SHOPPING AREA FREQUENTED BY SOVIET PERSONNEL AND DIPLOMATS. AS CHRONIC FIGHTING CONTINUED TO THE NORTH OF KABUL IN THE SHOMALI AND INTENSIFIED TO THE WEST IN PRAHMAN, NEW FIGHTING ERUPTED TO THE SOUTH IN LOGAR. THERE ALSO ARE REPORTS OF A MASS DEFECTION OF DRA TROOPS IN NEARBY NORTHERN WARDAK. SOVIET FORCES HAVE DEVASTATED AREAS ALONG THE PRINCIPAL ROAD CONNECTING THE NORTHEASTERN PROVINCES OF KUNDUZ, TAKHAR AND BAJAKHSHAN. AIDED BY AERIAL BOMBARDMENT, AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, SOVIET ARMOR AND ARTILLERY, WERE CONTINUING A DESTRUCTIVE SWEEP THROUGH THE AREA. SOVIET FORCES ALSO ARE FIGHTING IN AND AROUND THE CITY OF BAGHLAN IN A CAMPAIGN THAT HAS BROUGHT EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE CITY AND GENERATED MANY REFUGEES. NEW DETAILS DISPERSED ABOUT SOVIET/DRA EMPLOYMENT OF A NAPALM-LIKE SUBSTANCE IN THE LAGHMAN AREA EARLY IN THE MONTH. IN ALL, 13 VILLAGES WERE TARGETED IN THE ATTACK. A SOURCE FROM AQCHA IN JAUZJAN REPORTS TWO NEIGHBORING VILLAGES WERE BOMBED RECENTLY IN APPARENT RETALIATION FOR A MUJAHIDIN OPERATION IN THE AREA. IN KANAKAHAR, LOCAL SOURCES CLAIM SOVIET AND DRA FORCE AVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE THE DEFENSE RING ROAD LAUNCHED EARLIER IN THE YEAR AND THAT SOME PORTIONS OF THE ROAD THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ALREADY ARE SUBJECT TO MUJAHIDIN INTERDICTION AND PERIODIC CONTROL. TRUCKERS IN KANDAHAR AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN KABUL ARE OBSERVING A MUJAHIDIN WARNING NOT TO USE THE KEY KABUL-TO-KANDAHAR ROAD, POSING SERIOUS RESUPPLY PROBLEMS FOR THE REGIME. KABUL SOURCES REPORT THAT AN ANNOUNCED REGIME PLAN TO ENGAGE THE MINISTRY OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN "CONSTRUCTION WORK" IN KANDAHAR IN FACT ENTAILS THE DESPATCH OF 1800 STUDENTS TO THE CITY AS A CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE. STUDENTS IN KABUL REPORTEDLY ARE AVOIDING CLASSES OUT OF FEAR OF BEING DRAGOONED FROM THEIR CLASSROOMS. REPORTS OF RECENT MUJAHIDIN-INITIATED FIGHTING IN GHAZNI, FARYAB AND BALKH HAVE REACHED KABUL. IN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, REPORTS INDICATE THAT FACTIONALISM, INCLUDING INTENSIFYING OPPOSITION TO THE CENTRAL PARTY LEADERSHIP FROM PROVINCIAL CADRE, IS THREATENING TO DELAY THE PDPA SECOND PARTY CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER.

B. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: REPORTS OF A \$1 MILLION DOLLAR TRADE PACT BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND GROSSLY EXAGGERATED. FRENCH SAMPLING OF AT THIRD WORLD REGARDING THE UNGA'S AFGHANIST INDICATE NO SLIPPAGE OF SUPPORT FOR THE RES. SUMMARY.

3. (CLOU) KABUL PYROTECHNICS AND SECURITY: AFTE.

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CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

-- SEPTEMBER 6: BEGINNING AT 2230 AND THEREAFTER THROUGH MUCH OF THE EVENING DIPLOMATS OBSERVED FLARES AND ARTILLERY FIRE TO THE NORTHWEST. SOME OF THE FLARES WERE IN THE VICINITY OF KHAIR KHANA PASS.

-- SEPTEMBER 7: DURING THE MORNINGS OF SEPTEMBER 7-9, KABUL RESIDENTS HEARD INTERMITTENT ARTILLERY FIRE TO THE WEST OF THE CITY. DIPLOMATS REPORT MACHINE GUN FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRPORT AT 0630 AND ARTILLERY AND MACHINE GUN FIRE IN THE KHAIR KHANA AREA AT 0740 AND AGAIN AT 1100. (THE LATTER MAY HAVE BEEN TRAINING.) AT 1121 A PROJECTILE, POSSIBLY A 73 MM ROUND, PASSED OVER THE U.S. EMBASSY AND IMPACTED APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS FROM THE COMPOUND. AT 1930 AND 1950 BCMBS EXPLODED IN THE "FRUIT BAZAAR". (SEE PARA 19).

-- SEPTEMBER 8: DIPLOMATS REPORTED SMALL ARMS AUTOMATIC AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIRE NEAR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AT MIDNIGHT. AT 1105 A LARGE EXPLOSION SHOOK MOST OF NORTHERN KABUL. SEVERAL AFGHANS SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED THE EXPLOSION AT THE AIRPORT WHERE A LARGE CLOUD OF DUST AND SMOKE WAS OBSERVED.

-- SEPTEMBER 9: DIPLOMATS REPORTED EXPLOSIONS IN THE CITY AT 0600 AND SHORTLY AFTER 1800. FOLLOWING THE 1800 BLAST FIRETRUCKS WERE OBSERVED RACING THROUGH SHARAH. RESIDENTS OF KARTE SEI IN SOUTHERN KABUL REPORT ANOTHER LARGE EXPLOSION AT 0900.

-- SEPTEMBER 10: KOTE SANGI RESIDENTS REPORTED A BLAST ROCKED THAT QUARTER AT 0730.

-- SEPTEMBER 11: DIPLOMATS REPORTED ARTILLERY TO THE NORTH AT 0830 AND AT 1830. NORTHERN KABUL RESIDENTS HEARD A SINGLE LARGE BLAST AT 2225.

-- SEPTEMBER 13: AN AFGHAN RESIDENT OF SERAI GHAZNI (WESTERN KABUL) REPORTED AN EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS FIRE IN THE AREA LASTING SEVERAL MINUTES AT 0645.

4. (LOU) MILITARY MOVEMENT IN THE KABUL AREA:

A. (LOU) AIR: NIGHTTIME AIR ACTIVITY CONTINUED TO BE HEAVY DURING THE WEEK (SEE "MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS" PARA 19). A TOWEL OF 28 IL-76'S ARRIVED THEN DEPARTED, UP SLIGHTLY FROM 26 THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

-- SEPTEMBER 11: AT 1045 EIGHT MI-8'S AND FOUR MI-24'S ARRIVED AT KABUL AIRPORT FROM THE EAST-SOUTHEAST.

-- SEPTEMBER 12: DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS DIPLOMATS NOTED HEAVY HELICOPTER TRAFFIC BETWEEN KABUL AIRPORT AND AN UNKNOWN POINT SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY. HELICOPTERS (FORMATIONS OF FOUR COMPRISING PAIRS OF MI-8'S AND MI-24'S) FLEW AT ALTITUDES OF LESS THAN 50 METERS WHILE IN VIEW. AT 0855 A FORMATION OF 10 SOVIET HELICOPTERS (EIGHT MI-8'S AND TWO MI-24'S) AND EIGHT CRA HELICOPTERS

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DIRECTION OF THE LOGAR ROAD (SEE REPORTS OF HEAVY
FIGHTING IN LOGAR, PARA 8). BETWEEN 1830 AND 2000 THE
FOLLOWING NIGHTTIME AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY WAS NOTED:
DEPARTURES: SIX AN-12'S AND SEVEN AN-26'S. ARRIVALS: TWO
AN-12'S AND FOUR AN-26'S. (SEE COMMENT ON INCREASING
NIGHTTIME AIR ACTIVITY IN "MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS" PARA
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B. (LOU) VEHICULAR MOVEMENTS: CONVOY ACTIVITY WAS MODERATELY HEAVY DURING THE WEEK, HIGHLIGHTED BY MOVEMENT OF A COLUMN OF HEAVY SOVIET ARTILLERY SCUTS ON THE LOGAR ROAD. THE CONVOY APPARENTLY WAS IN SUPPORT OF MAJOR FIGHTING IN LOGAR PROVINCE (SEE PARA 8). DURING THE WEEK DIPLOMATS OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING VEHICULAR MOVEMENTS:

-- SEPTEMBER 7: AT 0520 A 15 VEHICLE CONVOY INCLUDING BAR LOCK RADAR (WITH RADAR SCREENS AND MASTS COLLAPSED AND FOLDED IN TRUCKS) AND COMMO VEHICLES MOVED EAST ON PERIMETER ROAD; AT 0530 VERY YAWY CONVOY TRAFFIC, INCLUDING BOTH AFGHAN AND SOVIET UNITS, MOVED NORTH ON THE SALANG HIGHWAY; AT 0640 THREE SOVIET CONVOYS, INCLUDING ONE FUEL CONVOY, HEADED NORTH ON THE SALANG.

-- SEPTEMBER 8: AT 0615 A SMALL RADAR AND COMMO CONVOY MOVED EAST ON PERIMETER ROAD (INCLUDING TRUCKS CARRYING BAR LOCK RADAR).

-- SEPTEMBER 9: AT 0630 TWO SOVIET SUPPLY CONVOYS (UNIT ID NUMBERS 1131 AND 1041) MOVED NORTH ON THE SALANG. SEVENTY-EIGHTY SOVIET ARMORED VEHICLES AND TRUCKS MOVED NORTH ON THE SALANG AT 1020.

--SEPTEMBER 10: AT 0645 A LARGE SOVIET FUEL CONVOY MOVED ON THE UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE DUMP ON PERIMETER ROAD TO THE LOGAR ROAD. AT 0650 A RADAR/COMMO CONVOY WAS STAGED EAST ON PERIMETER ROAD. AT 1230 THIRTY SOVIET ARMORED VEHICLES MOVED FROM THE GHAZNI ROAD TO DARULAMAN. THE COLUMN WAS DUSTY, APPARENTLY HAVING JUST ARRIVED FROM THE FIELD.

--SEPTEMBER 11: AT 1400 EIGHT 152 MM ZOLF-PROPEL? GUNS WITH ACCOMPANYING ARTILLERY CONTROL VEHICLES, SUPPORT TRUCKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES WERE STAGED EAST ON PERIMETER ROAD. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON THEY MOVED SOUTH TO THE LOGAR ROAD.

--COMBAT IN THE PROVINCES --

5. (LOU) KABUL PROVINCE (FOR KABUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS SEE PARAS 3 AND 4):

A. KABUL WEST: FIGHTING WAS INTENSE IN THE PAGHMAN AREA THROUGH THE REPORTING WEEK. SOURCES REPORTED THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS:

-- SEPTEMBER 12: BEGINNING AT 2150 AND CONTINUING PAST 2200, A DIPLOMAT OBSERVED ARTILLERY IMPACTS ON THE MOUNTAIN RANGE WEST AND SOUTH OF PAGHMAN TOWN.

-- SEPTEMBER 11: AN AFGHAN REPORTED HEAVY BOMBING IN THE PAGHMAN AREA DURING THE AFTERNOON.

-- SEPTEMBER 10: AN AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTED HEAVY DRA CASUALTIES IN FIGHTING DURING THE DAY IN THE PAGHMAN AREA RESULTING FROM A MUJAHIDID MORTAR ATTACK ON A DRA POSITION.

--SEPTEMBER 9: A DRA MILITARY CAUSE REPORTED THAT DURING

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HILL BETWEEN THE LAUNCH SITE AND KABUL. A DIPLOMAT
REPORTED HEARING TWO PLOSIONS TO THE WEST OF KABUL AT
2105. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTED THAT MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN
FIVE DRA POSTS IN THE PAGHMAN AREA, KILLING 25 DRA
TROOPS, DURING THE DAY.

-- SEPTEMBER 5: DRA FORCES, ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE
SOURCE, ARRESTED SEVEN MUJAHIDIN WITH THEIR WEAPONS AT
PAGHMAN THAT DAY.??U ? (LOU) KABUL NCRTH??GHAN SOURCES REPORTED EXTENSIVE
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INCLUDED THE DESTRUCTION OF A DRA POST DURING THE WEEK AND INTENSE MUJAHIDIN-SOVIET CLASHES ON SEPTEMBER 7-8 IN GULBAHAR AND SHAKADARA. AN AFGHAN SOURCE NOTED FIGHTING IN THE KHAWAJA BUGHRA AREA IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF KHAIR KHANA PASS) ON SEPTEMBER 9 FROM 0100 TO 0300. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTED FIGHTING AT QILI-I-SARWAR SEPTEMBER 2 WHICH LEFT SIX DRA KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED.

6. (LOU) KUNDUZ-TAKHAR-BADAKHSHAN: RELIABLE REPORTS HAVE BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN KABUL FROM THE FAR NORTH PROVIDING INFORMATION ON MOVEMENT OF A MAJOR SOVIET COLUMN WHICH IS CUTTING A SWATH OF DESTRUCTION THROUGH AFGHANISTAN'S THREE NORTHWESTERN PROVINCES. PRECEDED BY AERIAL BOMBARDMENT, THE SOVIET COLUMN HAS BEEN MOVING METHODICALLY ALONG THE PRINCIPAL EAST-WEST ROAD CONNECTING THE THREE PROVINCES DESTROYING ALL STRUCTURES AND VEGETATION WHICH MIGHT PROVIDE COVER FOR THE MUJAHIDIN ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD. THE COLUMN WAS OBSERVED IN KHANABAD (KUNDUZ) SEPTEMBER 6, AT TALAQAN (TAKHAR) SEPTEMBER 8 AND HAD REACHED KESHEM (BADAKHSHAN) BY SEPTEMBER 10. DESPITE THE ADVANCED AERIAL BOMBARDMENT AND THE INTENSIVE EMPLOYMENT OF THE COLUMN'S OWN ARTILLERY, MUJAHIDIN HAVE HARASSED THE COLUMN THROUGH MOST OF ITS MARCH AND REPORTEDLY HAVE DESTROYED SEVERAL ARMORED VEHICLES. THE SOVIETS REPORTEDLY ARE MINING THE AREAS THROUGH WHICH THE COLUMN PASSES AND HAVE ESTABLISHED SOME POSTS IN ITS WAKE. THE COLUMN REPORTEDLY IS COMPOSED OF SOVIET UNITS F ?? MAZAR-I-SHARIF WHICH CAME TO THE AREA VIA PUL-I-KHUMRI. (COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE SOVIET TROOPS INVOLVED WERE NEWLY INTRODUCED INTO AFGHANISTAN FOR THIS CAMPAIGN.) DRA UNITS ACCOMPANYING THE SOVIETS REPORTEDLY HAVE NOT PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE ADVANCE. ALONG THE ROUTE VILLAGERS, MANY OF THEM REFUGEES GENERATED BY THE CAMPAIGN, HAVE SMUGGLED LETTERS FROM MUJAHIDIN TO THE DRA TROOPS, URGING THEM NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING.

7. (LOU) BAGHLAN: TRAVELERS FROM BAGHLAN REPORT VERY HEAVY FIGHTING IN AND NEAR THE CITY OF BAGHLAN SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER. SOVIET UNITS FROM KABUL (APPARENTLY UNITS SEEN IN THE MASSIVE SOVIET CONVOY MOVEMENT NORTH FROM KABUL AUGUST 26 REPORTED IN KABUL 1527, PARA 5A) HAVE BEEN FIGHTING IN THE AREA SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER. E-

8. 7*-#858, 048, 280-116 (49, 5#3 #378 8)-.8. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES REPORTEDLY ARE HIGH ALTHOUGH MANY REFUGEES HAVE FLED THE AREA FOR THE NEARBY MOUNTAINCUND TO MAZAR-I-SHARIF AND KABUL. SOME REPORTEDLY ARE ENROUTE TO PAKISTAN. WHILE REPORTS DO NOT INDICATE THE OVERALL TREND OF THE BATTLE, MUJAHIDIN ARE SAID TO BE USING MINES WITH GOOD EFFECT AGAINST SOVIET ARMOR. WHILE SOVIET BT

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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN SITUATION REPORT SEPTEMBER 7 -

FORCES ARE REPORTED TO BE CARRYING THE BRUNT OF THE
BATTLE. A WELL-PLACED NON-AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS THAT MANY
DRA CASUALTIES HAVE BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN KABUL FROM THE
BAGHLAN FIGHTING. REPORTEDLY THE CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN?? RNEED AWAY FROM THE WAZIR
AKBAR KHAN MILITARY HOSPITAL
BECAUSE IT IS TOO FULL. THE DRA TROOPS INSTEAD HAVE BEEN
PLACED IN THE KABUL MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (SARANDOI)
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8. (LOU) LOGAR: MULTIPLE AFGHAN AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES REPORT INTENSE FIGHTING IN THE VICINITY OF PUL-I-ALAM, THE PROVINCE CAPITAL, DURING THE WEEK. ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN AND A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A GARDEZ-BOUND CONVOY NEAR KOLANGAR NORTH OF PUL-I-ALAM ON SEPTEMBER 9. THE RESULTING FIGHTING BLOCKED TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD FOR THE DAY. THE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTED THAT THE MUJAHIDIN DESTROYED THREE ARMORED VEHICLES IN THE FIGHTING. SEPARATELY ANOTHER AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTED THAT FIGHTING CONTINUED LATE IN THE WEEK IN THE HIGH GROUND TO THE EAST OF PUL-I-ALAM. (SEE "MILITARY MOVEMENT IN THE KABUL AREA" - PARA 5: (?? ORY OF MAJOR ARTILLERY AND HELICOPTER MOVEMENT TOWARD LOGAR.)

9. (LOU) WARDAK: MAJOR FIGHTING HAS ERUPTED AGAIN IN NORTHERN WARDAK WHEREAS SOURCES REPORT MUJAHIDIN REMAIN FIRMLY IN CONTROL OF THE HAZARAJAT ROAD WEST OF MAIDAN SHAR, WITH STRONG POSITIONS AT JALEZE AND IN THE SANGLAH VALLEY (WESTERN KABUL PROVINCE). JET FIGHTERS, FLYING ABOVE 15,000 FEET, CONDUCTED STRIKES SOUTHWEST OF KARGHA LAKE BETWEEN 0700 AND 0730 ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 11. ACCORDING TO A DRA MILITARY OFFICER, THE JETS TARGETED MAIDAN SHAR. THE OFFICER SAID THAT THE FIGHTING AT MAIDAN SHAR HAD BEGUN AT 2130 THE PREVIOUS EVENING WITH ARTILLERY STRIKES. ACCORDING TO A SEPARATE SOURCE WHO HAS REPORTED RELIABLY ON NORTHERN WARDAK IN THE PAST, A DRA UNIT OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MEN MOVED INTO THE MAIDAN AREA (APPROXIMATELY 8 KMS WEST OF MAIDAN SHAR) AT 0430 ON SEPTEMBER 5. MUJAHIDIN IN THE AREA GREETED THEIR ARRIVAL WITH APPEALS BROADCAST OVER PORTABLE LOUD-SPEAKERS, TO STAND DOWN AND NOT TO FIGHT. AFTER NEARLY 12 HOURS, BRIEF SKIRMISHING DID DEVELOP RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF 4 DRA TROOPS. IMMEDIATELY, OVER 100 DRA TROOPS REPORTEDLY SURRENDERED TO THE MUJAHIDIN.

10. (LOU) LAGHMAN: PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON THE EMPLOYMENT BY SOVIET/DRA AIRCRAFT OF A NAPALM-LIKE SUBSTANCE AGAINST VILLAGES IN LAGHMAN DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER (REPORTED PARA 7 REFTEL), A DIPLOMAT WHO SPOKE WITH SEVERAL OF THE BURN VICTIMS REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO THEIR ACCOUNT, A TOTAL OF 13 VILLAGES WERE HIT. A WOMAN WHO BROUGHT HER TWO INJURED CHILDREN TO KABUL FOR TREATMENT OF BURNS DESCRIBED THE ATTACKS. SHE STATED THAT THE PLANES DROPPED SOMETHING WHICH "BURNED EVERYTHING IT LANDED ON."

11. (LOU) JAUZJAN: A TRAVELER FROM AQCHA REPORTS THAT IN LATE AUGUST, AIRCRAFT (WHICH HE PRESUMED TO BE SOVIET) BOMBED THE VILLAGES OF JANGAL ARAK (36°57'N 66°17'E) AND HAYDRABAD (36°55'N 66°17'E). CIVILIAN CASUALTIES WERE HEAVY. THE ATTACKS FOLLOWED THE MUJAHIDIN CAPTURE OF FOUR PROMINENT PDPA CADRE IN AN OPERATION NEAR THE ADJOINING VILLAGES. THE AQCHA RESTORAT SAID THAT THE DRA

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12. (LOU) KANDAHAR: KANDAHARIS REPORT SOVIET/DRA FORCES HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE RING-DEFENSE ROAD BEGUN EARLIER

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THIS SUMMER. WHILE THE ROADS SPOKING IN FROM THE RING TOWARD THE CENTER OF KANDAHAR HAVE BEEN LARGELY FINISHED (AT THE COST OF EXTENSIVE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CITY BUILDINGS), THE RING ROAD HAS LARGE GAPS. SOME AREAS OF THE RING THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, SUCH AS IN THE KARANAC AREA NEAR ARGANDAB, REGULARLY SLIP UNDER MUJAHIDIN CONTROL AT NIGHT. A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE CLAIMS THE MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN TWO DRA BASES ON SEPTEMBER 3. (SEE "ROAD SECURI???" PARA 20 FOR REPORTING ON THE MUJAHIDIN CLOSURE OF THE KABUL-KANDAHAR ROAD.)

13. (LOU) PARWAN: A REGULAR AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS HEAVY SOVIET-MUJAHIDIN FIGHTING ON SEPTEMBER 9 AT DUSARAK NEAR BAGRAM AIRBASE. A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE REPORTS THAT IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 30 DRA TROOPS WERE KILLED IN THE PANJSHIR WHEN THE TRUCK IN WHICH THEY WERE RIDING STRUCK A MINE THEVZPHHAFITSELF PLANTED. FUNERALS FOR MANY OF THE VICTIMS WERE HELD IN KHAIR KHANA SEPTEMBER 8.

14. (LOU) BAMIYAN: AN AFGHAN WITH CONTACTS IN BEKSUD (37°44'N 67°54'E) CLAIMS THAT THE REGIME HAS NO PRESENCE IN THE TOWN. THE REGIME CAN NOT MOVE FARTHER WEST THAN PAIDAN SHAR ON THE MOST DIRECT KABUL-TO-BEKSUD (AND BAMIYAN) ROUTE RUNNING THROUGH NORTHERN WZREAK.

15. (LOU) SHAZNI: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN HIT AN AFGHAN MILITARY CONVOY JUST NORTH OF SHAZNI CITY ON SEPTEMBER 5, WOUNDING 25 DRA TROOPS. REPORTEDLY MUJAHIDIN SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES.

16. (LOU) PAKTIA: AN AFGHAN REPORTS THAT RECENTLY A FOUR ENGINE DRA AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT KHOST AIRPORT, KILLING NINE. ON SEPTEMBER 2, ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT, MUJAHIDIN DOWNED TWO HELICOPTERS IN THE KHOST AREA.

17. (LOU) FARYAB: AN AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS THAT DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED DRA POSTS AT TORPAKHTI AND AFGHAN KOT (35°54'N 64°48'E), BOTH IN PEIMANAH DISTRICT. AT AFGHAN KOT MUJAHIDIN KILLED OR WOUNDED 12 OF THE MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY (KHAD) DEFENDERS.

18. (LOU) BALKH: ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN SOURCE AT TIMURAK (36°45'N 66°35'E), DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31 MUJAHIDIN HIT A MIXED SOVIET/DRA CONVOY, DESTROYING 45 VEHICLES.

19. (LOU) MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS:

A. (LOU) BOMBS IN KABUL: TWO BOMBS EXPLODED IN THE "FRUIT BAZAAR" AREA OF SHARE NAU DURING THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 7. THE FIRST BOMB AT 1930 APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A SMALL PARCEL BOMB. IT PROMPTED REGIME SECURITY PERSONNEL TO CORDON OFF THE AREA. THE SECOND BOMB EXPLODED 20 MINUTES LATER. IT HAD BEEN PLACED ???ID? A SMALL PASSENGER

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SECURITY (KHAD) GUEST HOUSE IN WHICH MUJAHIDEEN TURNCOATS AND TRIBALS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER WHO ARE WORKING FOR THE REGIME RESIDE. THE CAR BOMB, ACCORDING TO AFGHAN SOURCES, KILLED THREE DRA SOLDIERS AND TWO KHAD OFFICIALS. THE TWO BLASTS INJURED BETWEEN TEN AND TWENTY. A THIRD BOMB WHICH DID NOT DETONATE WAS FOUND IN THE AREA THE FOLLOWING MORNING. SINCE THE BLASTS, SECURITY IN THE CITY HAS BEEN TIGHTENED AND BOTH "FRLIT

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BAZAAR, "CHICKEN STREET" AND A MEAT BAZAAR IN SHARE NAL, HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO ORDINARY VEHICLE TRAFFIC. BOMB SEARCHES HAVE BEEN NOTED IN THE CITY, INCLUDING ONE AT THE COMPOUND OF MUJAHIDIN TURNCAT ESMATULLAH MUSLIM ON SEPTEMBER 9.

B. (LOU) NIGHTTIME AIR ACTIVITY: APPARENTLY REFLECTING 034872975 8.049:8:2 .7°-8858, -+58-AIR CAPABILITY, SOVIET AND DRA AIRCRAFT INCREASINELY ARE RESORTING TO NIGHT FLYING. THE AIRCRAFT DO NOT DISPENSE FLARECAND MOREOVER USE NO EXTERIOR LIGHTS EXCEPT IN THE FINAL APPROACH AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKEOFF. (SEE PARA 4A FOR BRIEF RECORD OF NIGHT AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY ON ONE RANDOM EVENING.)

C. (LOU) NEW DRA BATTALION: A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE DRA IS ATTEMPTING TO RAISE A NEW INFANTRY BATTALION AT ASTANEH (35°21'N 69°34'E) IN THE PANJSHIR.

20. (LOU) HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS:

A. (LOU) YOUTH TO BE SENT TO KANDAHAR: ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT CARRIED IN THE REGIME MEDIA, THE MINISTRY OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WILL BE ASSISTING WITH CONSTRUCTION WORK IN KANDAHAR. SOURCES WITH CONTACTS WITHIN THE MINISTRY REPORT THAT THE MINISTRY WILL SEND 1800 STUDENTS TO KANDAHAR TO CARRY OUT THE WORK. AWARE OF THE PLAN, STUDENTS IN COURSES SUPERVISED BY THE MINISTRY HAVE BEEN AVOIDING CLASSES IN RECENT DAYS, FEARING THAT THEY WILL BE DRAGOONED FROM THE CLASSROOMS FOR TRANSFER TO KANDAHAR.

B. (LOU) CHILDREN VICTIMS OF FLARES: AN AFGHAN MEDICAL DOCTOR HAS TOLD THE FATHER OF A CHILD INJURED BY A FLARE DROPPED BY A DEPARTING AIRCRAFT THAT HE IS TREATING INCREASING NUMBERS OF CHILDREN FROM THE WAZIR AKBAR KHAN AND WAZIRABAD AREAS FOR FLARE-INFLECTED BURNS OF THE ARMS, LEGS AND FACE. (COMMENT: THE TWO NEIGHBORHOODS ARE IN THE PRINCIPAL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PATTERN FOR (FLARE DISPENSING) MILITARY SOVIET AND DRA AIRCRAFT.)

C. (LOU) MUJAHIDIN EXECUTE MEDICAL DOCTOR: ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE, MUJAHIDIN HAVE EXECUTED A MEDICAL DOCTOR WHOM THEY HAD SEIZED IN KUNDUZ. (COMMENT: WHILE NO EXPLANATION HAS BEEN OFFERED FOR THE SLAYING, IN THE PAST MUJAHIDIN HAVE SOUGHT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WOUNDED COMRADES OR INJURED CIVILIANS IN THEIR AREA OF CONTROL.)

D. (LOU) SOVIET SENTRY KILLS AFGHAN: A WESTERN CHIEF OF MISSION REPORTS THAT A SOVIET SENTRY AT THE SOVIET BASE AT THE JUNCTION OF SALANG AND PERIMETER ROADS SHOT AND KILLED AN OLD MAN AS HE ATTEMPTED TO CATCHER LOAM IN A BASKET FROM ALONG THE COMPOUND WALL. THE DIPLOMAT WHO ARRIVED ON THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOOTING

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21. (LOU) ROAD SECURITY:

A. (LOU) MUJAHIDIN BAN TRAVEL ON KABUL-KANDAHAR ROAD:
KANDAHARIS REPORT THAT MUJAHIDIN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER
WARNED TRUCKERS IN KANDAHAR AND KABUL NOT TO USE THE

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THOUGH SOME TRUCKERS IN KABUL REPORTEDLY ARE PROCEEDING AS FAR SOUTH AS GHAZNI. OBSERVATION OF TRAFFIC LEAVING KABUL ON THE ROAD SEPTEMBER 10-12 INDICATED SOME BUSES BUT VERY FEW TRUCKS LEAVING KABUL DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS.

B. (LOU) MAZAR-I-SHARIF TO SHEBERGHAN ROAD: AN AFGHAN SOURCE FROM NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN REPORTS THAT WHILE THE ROAD IS IN POOR CONDITION, IT IS PASSABLE. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY TEN SOVIET/DRA CHECKPOINTS ON THE ROAD. THE MUJAHIDIN MAINTAIN AD HOC CHECKPOINTS AT WHICH THEY REQUEST, BUT DO NOT DEMAND, "TAXES" FROM THOSE PASSING THE POINT.

C. (LOU) THE LOGAR ROAD: A RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE LOGAR ROAD SOUTH OF CHAHAR ASIAB (34°24'N 69°09'E) IS UNDER MUJAHIDIN CONTROL AFTER 1600.

22. (LOU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

A. (LOU) PDPA SECOND PARTY CONFERENCE DELAYED?: EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS HERE BELIEVE THAT THE PDPA'S "SECOND?? PARTY CONFERENCE" ANNOUNCED FOR SEPTEMBER, MAY BE DELAYED, AT LEAST UNTIL DECEMBER BECAUSE OF TRADITIONAL AND NEWLY EMERGING FACTIONAL DISPUTES. PRINCIPAL AMONG THESE DISPUTES, ACCORDING TO SEVERAL WELL-PLACED OBSERVERS, IS A GROWING RESISTANCE AMONG PROVINCIAL LEVEL CADRE TO WHAT THEY SEE AS AN ABANDONMENT OF THE SAID REVOLUTION IN THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND THE UNWORKABLE AND DANGEROUS COMPROMISES WITH THE MUJAHIDIN. OPPOSING THIS VIEW ARE BOTH KHALQ AND PARCHAM FACTION LEADERS WHO ARE UNDER STRONGER, MORE DIRECT MOSCOW PRESSURE. RECENT KABUL MEDIA REPORTS OF DISMISSALS AND DEMOTIONS OF PARTY CADRE AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL SUGGEST THE CENTER VERSUS PROVINCES STRUGGLE WITHIN THE PARTY MAY BE INTENSIFYING. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS TENSION IS NOT A NEW PROBLEM IN THE PARTY BUT MAY HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED BY "NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" AND THE DECISION BY THE PARTY TO ELEVATE MANY PROVINCE-LEVEL CADRE TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT THE 19TH PLENUM. ANOTHER DIVISION IS THE KHALQI-PARCHAMI HISTORIC RIVALRY. IN THE FACE OF NAJIB'S WEAKENED POSITION, THE KHALQIS, BEGINNING IN THE SPRING, SOUGHT TO INCREASE THEIR SHARE OF PARTY AND REGIME POSITIONS TO FIFTY PERCENT. IT NOW APPEARS THE KHALQIS MAY INTEND TO PRESS THESE DEMANDS FURTHER. FINALLY, SUPPORTERS OF BABRAK KARMAL RETAIN SOME STRONG POCKETS OF INFLUENCE, NOTABLY IN KABUL WHERE RECENTLY A DISTRICT REFUSED TO SELECT FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL WAKIL AS ITS DELEGATE TO THE CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF THE BROAD PERCEPTION AMONG KARMAL SUPPORTERS, THAT WAKIL, AS A RELATIVE OF KARMAL

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FORCES ARE REPORTED TO BE CARRYING THE BRUNT OF THE
BATTLE, A WELL-PLACED NON-AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS THAT MANY
DRA CASUALTIES HAVE BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN KABUL FROM THE
BAGHLAN FIGHTING. REPORTEDLY THE CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN?? RND AWAY FROM THE WAZIR
AKBAR KHAN MILITARY HOSPITAL
BECAUSE IT IS TOO FULL. THE DRA TROOPS INSTEAD HAVE BEEN
PLACED IN THE KABUL MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (SARANDOI)
HOSPITAL.

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THE CONFERENCE, MANY ELECTORATES APPEAR TO BE BALKY. 0
SENIOR PARTY CADRE RECEIVED A MERE 6 VOTES IN ONE
DISTRICT AFTER HE WAS UNABLE TO TELL A GATHERING OF
DISTRICT ELECTORS THE CORRECT PRICE OF A KILOGRAM OF BEEF.

B. (LOU) KESHTMAND RETURNS: ON HIS RETURN 2 -6824- .29H-LONG STAY IN THE SOVI
ET UNION, PRIME MINISTER
KESHTMAND WAS MET ONLY BY ONE POLITBURO MEMBER (NOOR

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AHMAO NOOR), PROMPTING SPECULATION THAT HIS POLITICAL HEALTH IS NOT GOOD.

24. (LOU) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS: A RELIABLE NON-AFGHAN EXPERT IN POPULATION WORK NOTES THAT THE POPULATION OF KUNDUZ IS APPROXIMATELY 30,000. THE PRICE OF ONE DOLLAR, ON THE FREE MARKET STANDS AT 174 (AS IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK).

25. (LOU) SOVIETIZATION: A RECENT VISITOR TO THE AFGHANISTAN GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE HAS PROVIDED INSIGHTS INTO THE EXTENT OF SOVIET CONTROL AND EXPLOITATION OF THE FACILITY. REPORTEDLY THE SOVIET STAFF NOMINALLY WORKING AS ADVISORS ARE PREPARING LONG-TERM PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT/EXPLOITATION OF THE COUNTRY'S MINERAL RESOURCES. THE 50 SOVIET ADVISORS ARE DESCRIBED AS AGGRESSIVE AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE EXTENT OF SOVIET CONTROL AND INFLUENCE, THE VISITOR NOTED THAT IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM THERE IS A PICTURE OF NAJIB, GORBACHEV AND A COMPOSITE OF THE CPSU POLITBURO. ALL SIGNS IN THE FACILITY ARE IN DARI AND RUSSIAN. (COMMENT: AFGHAN MINERAL RESOURCES AND THEIR EXPLOITATION WERE A FOCUS OF SOVIET INTEREST EVEN PRIOR TO THE 1978 COUP AND 1979 INVASION.)

26. (LOU) KABUL MEDIA: HENCEFORTH, THIS SECTION WILL BE RUN IN A "KABUL MEDIA WRAPUP" REPORTING SERIES, WITH ONLY MAJOR MEDIA DEVELOPMENTS CARRIED IN THE SITREP.

27. (G) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS:

A. (C) AUSTRIAN-DRA TRADE AGREEMENT: CONTRARY TO REPORTS IN THE MEDIA, AUSTRIA IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE DRA A FIVE MILLION DOLLAR (VICE 500 MILLION DOLLAR) TRADE EXCHANGE, INVOLVING CHIEFLY BARTER GOODS.

B. (C) DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AMIN'S TRAVELS: IN ADDITION TO INTENDED TRAVEL TO THE U.S. AND WEST GERMANY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AMIN ALSO PLANS TO TRAVEL TO EASTERN EUROPE.

C. (C) PAZHWAQ'S NEUTRAL GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL CONFIRMED: A REPORT CARRIED IN AN EARLIER SITREP CLAIMED THAT NAMATULLAH PAZHWAQ, A DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BUT NOT A PDPA MEMBER, IN A SPEECH BEFORE SENIOR DRA OFFICIALS AND SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS, CALLED FOR A NEUTRAL GOVERNMENT, PROVISION OF U.N. MONITORING TROOPS AND WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES. THE PROPOSAL REPORTEDLY DREW A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM SOVIET EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE. RECENTLY, AN EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT WAS CONFIRMED THAT PAZHWAQ DID PRESENT SUCH A PROPOSAL EARLY THIS YEAR.

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D. (C) SOVIET BUILD-UP AT SHINDAND ALLEGED: THE
IRANIAN CHARGE TOLD COLLEAGUES RECENTLY THAT THE SOVIET
UNION IS BUILDING UP ITS FORCES AT SHINDAND AIRBASE
POSSIBLY FOR INTERVENTION IN THE GULF AREA. (SIC)

E. (C) FRENCH DEMARCHES: OF TWENTY RESPONSES/ASSESSMENTS
TO RECENT FRENCH DEMARCHES ON THE AFGHAN QUESTION AT
THE UNGA, ALL APPEAR TO INDICATE NO CHANGE OF POSITION.

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DJIBOUTI REPORTEDLY GAVE A FIRM "NO" IN RESPONSE TO
SOVIET PRESSURE/APPEALS FOR IT TO RECOGNIZE THE O.R.A.?

28. (U) MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. EALUM

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